

## REMARKS

### The Restriction Requirement:

The examiner has restricted the invention as follows:

**Species I:** Figure 4

**Species IV:** Figure 11

**Species II:** Figure 8

**Species V:** Figure 15

**Species III:** Figure 10

**Species VI:** Figure 24

### ***Election and Identification of Species for Prosecution:***

Applicants elect for examination Species II, identified as Figure 8, drawn to a fiber optic network for carrying optical signals.

### ***Election and Identification of Claims Readable Thereon:***

Applications elect claims 73-83 and 85-94, drawn to a fiber optic network for carrying optical signals.

### ***Identification of Claims drawn to Elected Species:***

Applicants indicate Claims 73-83 and 85-94 are drawn to the elected species identified as Figure 8, drawn to a fiber optic network for carrying optical signals. This election is made with traverse.

### ***Cancellation of Non-Elected Claims:***

Applicant cancels claims 1-72, 84, and 95-104 with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in a divisional application.

## CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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